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UNIVERSITY OF  
TECHNOLOGY  
SARAWAK CAMPUS



**need  
help?**

Q: Finding difficulty in getting around or settling down?

A: Get the assistance of our staff in Student Central or International Student Officers at Student Services (SS)

**LOCATION**

Blok G 103 (SS)  
Blok G107 (SC)

Opening Hours

Mon.- Thurs.

8.30 am to 5.30pm

Friday

8.30 am to 12 noon  
and

2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

**Student Central**



**SC's Friendly Staff**



**Student Services**



**Further Advice & Resources**



## Shopping

- There are a number of shopping complexes and malls in Kuching City. The biggest and nearest shopping mall is *The Spring* where you can find almost anything from food, electrical items, computers and accessories, cosmetics, apparel, shoes, bags, belts, and groceries. *The Spring* is located just opposite the University on the other side of the main road. Traffic is heavy and you are strongly advised to cross using the overhead bridge nearby.

### OTHER PLACES :



SPRING



SARAWAK PLAZA



BOULEVARD



RIVERSIDE

# Shopping



## Food

- Malaysian cuisines are delicious and tasty. You can have Chinese, Malay or Indian food western food very easily. You have your choice of various hawker foods in the University canteen.

## Food Court

- For those who are adventurous with food, the food court is the place for you. A food court can house from 10 to 50 stalls offering cuisines from around the world under one roof so you would be spoilt for choice and never have to repeat dishes each time you come for lunch or dinner. Food courts in shopping malls serve mostly halal food but those in other commercial places may not. So, look out for the halal sign before you place an order. Western and Asian food are also available at *The Spring* and at other places in town. A wide choice of western, oriental and fusion food are available at Kenny Rogers, Starbucks, Manhattan Fish Market and Secret Recipe – all at *The Spring*.



# Food





# Leisure & Adventure

There are a number of places for the young people in the city where they can dine or drink.



Satok



Spring



Kubah Ria

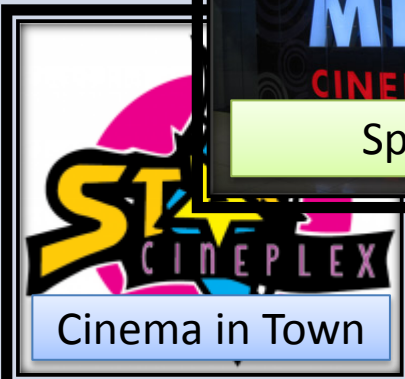
## ADVENTURE ???

There are a number of activities available for week-ends or short breaks. Both provide discovery and adventure opportunities like jungle trekking or simple an outing to smell the fresh air and admire nature.

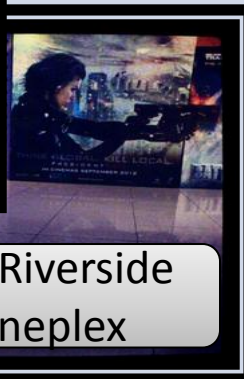
## Movies



Spring



Cinema in Town



The Riverside  
Cineplex



Gunung  
Gading

Bako National  
Park



# Weather Information



Malaysia is a tropical country with the temperature ranging from 21° – 32° Celsius

In this climate clothing made out of cotton will keep you cool !!!

**\*Generally , Malaysia has 2 distinct seasons :**

- Dry Season occurs during the south-west monsoon from May till September.
- The north-west monsoon brings the rainy seasons to the country during mid-November till March.





# FEELING BORED ??

## WANT TO EXPLORE SARAWAK ??

### Having problem Looking For Transportation ?

**Airport to Swinburne  
is between RM 20.00-  
RM25.00  
(USD 6.00-USD 8.00)**



**Swinburne to the city  
are in the range of  
RM10.00 -RM 15.00  
(USD 3.00-USD 5.00)**

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\*Please take note : You are advised **NOT** to take rides from strangers \*



**Kuching City Taxi Radio Call Enterprises Co**  
No: +606 082-34 8898

You will discover a wide range of customs and practices :

Introductions are normally acknowledged with a **HANDSHAKE**



Malaysia is a country with multiple cultures and multiple ethnic groups. They are Malays, Indians, and Chinese along with other ethnics such as Orang Asli, Iban, Bidayuh, Orang Ulu, Kadazan Dusuns and others.

The right fore finger is not used for pointing at places, objects or persons. The thumb of the right hand with the four fingers folded under is the preferred usage



The right hand is used when eating with the fingers and when giving or receiving objects

# MALAYSIAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

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# Malaysian culture



**Public behaviour** is especially important in Malaysian culture. Most Malaysians refrain from displaying affection ( i.e. **embracing or kissing in public** ). As a visitor it is appropriate for you to do the same.

**THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE IS THE MALAY LANGUAGE. ENGLISH IS USED AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.**

**Some common words, phrases and expressions to help you get started :**

*Selamat datang ke Malaysia.*  
Welcome to Malaysia

*Apa khabar ?*  
How are you ?

*Khabar baik.*  
I am fine.

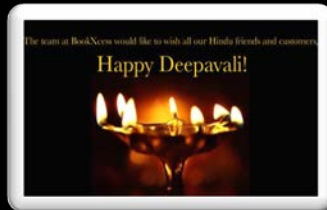
*Berapa harga ini ?*  
How much is this ?

# FESTIVALS

MALAYSIA IS A LAND OF MANY COLOURFUL FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS.



Christmas – a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ which falls on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.



Deepavali – Celebrated in the Hindu month of Kartik in October/November. It is also known as the Festival of Lights



Hari Raya Aidil Fitri – Celebrated by the Muslims signifying the end of the fasting month (Ramadan).



Chinese New Year – Celebrated on the first day of the Chinese Lunar Calendar.



Gawai – celebrated by the Dayak community of Sarawak from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June for a month to mark the end of the paddy harvesting season and the beginning of the new planting season.



# Orientation and Student Ambassadors

**The Orientation program is compulsory for all new students. It is to enable new students to get to know other students and staff, as well as, their new learning environment. The program includes briefings on the University's administration processes and procedures.**

As part of the orientation program, new students are taken to places of interest and shown where facilities such as banks and hospitals are located.

**Our Student Ambassadors are a fun and dedicated group of senior students who have volunteered their time to help new students adjust to living in Kuching and studying at Swinburne Sarawak. They are available to help with both the social and academic side of university life.**

**You will be introduced to SAs during the Int'l Student Briefing.**



# Pictures from Orientation 2011







## SWINBURNE CAMPUS

The room options are :

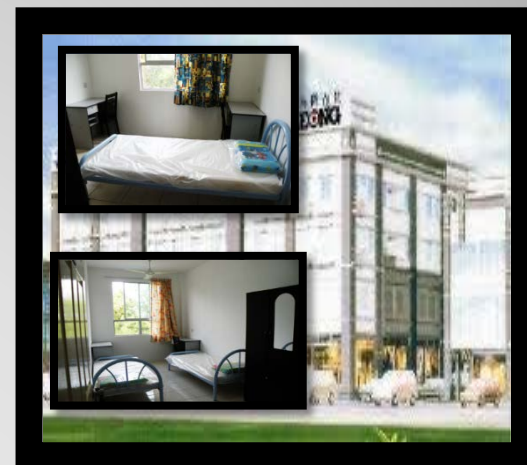
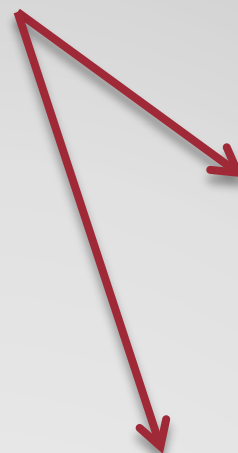
Type of Room	Weekly Rental	Deposit
Option A (Twin with fan)	RM90.00	RM360.00
Option B (Single with fan)	RM147.00	RM590.00
Option C (Twin with air-condition)	RM145.00	RM580.00
Option D (Single with air condition)	RM220.50	RM890.00

Student Services, G 103 Tel: 60 82 260870  
Email: [accommodation@swinburne.edu.my](mailto:accommodation@swinburne.edu.my)

## On-Campus Accommodation Includes:

- Wi-Fi
- 24-Hour Security
- General Supervision

## OFF CAMPUS : TABUAN PLAZA



Contact person : Mr. Hashim Sahari (POMETIA Sdn. Bhd.)

- ✓ 012 8885738 (Mobile)
- ✓ 082-243177/176 (Office)
- ✓ [hashimsahari@yahoo.com](mailto:hashimsahari@yahoo.com) (email)

# STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

# Foster Family



Swinburne Sarawak also has a Foster Family Program for interested international students.

The Foster Family Program is aimed at giving an opportunity for international students to experience the life of a local family by staying with the family for short period over week-ends or the mid semester break.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER AT STUDENT SERVICES IN ROOM 1.03 BUILDING G.







# Clubs & Societies



Basketball Club



Badminton Club



Volleyball Club

There are many clubs and societies for students to choose from depending on your interests and what you want to do in your leisure time. During the orientation program, the various clubs and societies will showcase their activities to attract new members. During this time, new students are encouraged to register and join clubs of their choice.



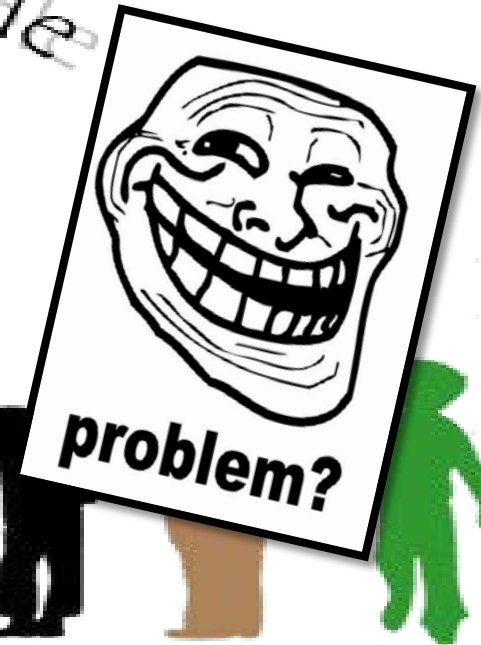
Dance Club



Music Club and more

# People Helping People

Counseling offers an opportunity to talk in confidence about issues that concern you. These issues may include anxiety, depression, family concerns, difficulty in adjusting to a new life and environment, study related issues, relationship issues, aggressive and violent behaviour, suicidal tendencies, worries about health etc.



## Counseling Services

1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR : G106 COUNSELING SERVICES

WE ARE OPEN: 8.30-5.30 Mon.-Fri. ~





# STUDENT VISA REGULATIONS

Under the Malaysia Government Legislation, the enrolment of International Students is governed by the immigration Regulations 1963.

As an international student you can enter the country on a student visa provided:

- You have accepted an offer for a full time course of study at a public or private college or university approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- You have the financial capability to meet course fees and living expenses.
- You do not intend to work in Malaysia and you must prepare to leave the country once you complete your studies.

## VISA RENEWAL/EXTENSION

- You need to submit your passport and payment (RM60.00) depending on your country) to the officer in charge in the Student Services at least **a (1) month** before the visa expires.
- You may not be able to have your visa renewed or extended if you fail to demonstrate your academic capability.

## VISA CANCELTION

- You are required to cancel your Malaysian Student Visa when you withdraw from the course or you wish to transfer to another institution or you have completed your course of study.

## PASSPORT RENEWAL

- Passport renewal is the responsibility of the passport holder (student), and University will not be responsible for any charges incurred in the procedure.
- You are advised to renew your passport before your Student Visa expires and it can be done at your country's Consulate or Embassy in Malaysia.
- Documents needed for passport renewal are the **student confirmation Letter from University** and your **Current Passport**.

# INSURANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



## How to use?

### Out patient

At the panel clinic → present the insurance card → register → consultation  
After consultation → receive medication (if prescribed) → allow the clinic staff to swipe your card.

### In patient

Produce the insurance card at the panel hospital and make payment for hospital deposit (RM300 – RM500)



# EMPLOYMENT

Part-Time

Under the present immigration rule & regulation, international students are allowed to work part-time. Part time jobs are only allowed during the semester break. A student can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

Description of part-time job/work allowed by the immigration



Waiter / waitress



Sales assistant



Shop Assistant



Fuel / Petrol attendant

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO STUDENT SERVICES G103☺

# **BANKING** ARRANGEMENT



- All banking arrangement with others banks except RHB Simpang Tiga Branch, require s the customer to have at least a valid visa for 12 months in Kuching, Sarawak. Therefore, it is not advisable for a student to open a savings account before the student visa is granted.
- Documents needed for opening a Saving Account:
  - 1) **Student Confirmation Letter from University**
  - 2) **Passport with Valid Student Visa**
  - 3) **Minimum amount of RM250.00**

# **MONEY** CHANGER

## **Licensed Money Changer**

Lot 111, Level, Tun Jugah Centre, Kuching  
93350 Kuching, Sarawak.  
082-428151

## **Everrise Money Changer**

Ground Floor, Bangunan Hin Ann,  
Jalan Padungan, Kuching,  
93100 Kuching, Sarawak.  
082-233200

## **Mohamed Yahia & Sons**

LG, Sarawak Plaza,  
Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Kuching,  
93100 Kuching, Sarawak.  
082-416928

## **Segi Ganjaran Sdn Bhd**

Ground Floor, Lot 187,  
Liwah Hotel, Jalan Song Thian Cheok, Kuching,  
93100 Kuching, Sarawak  
082-236327





# Illicit Drugs

Consuming, possession of and trafficking of illicit drugs in Malaysia are a criminal offence and carry a mandatory death penalty if convicted.



Banned or illicit drugs in Malaysia include Marijuana, Heroin, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Ice, PSD, Crystal Meth and other.





# Useful and Important Telephone Numbers

- Swinburne Security 082-260 991
- Central Police Station 082-241 222
- Mobile Police Vehicle 082-244 444
- Kuching International Airport  
Malaysia Airlines [MAS] Office 082-454 424  
082-246 622 /  
1300883000
- Taxi Station 082-341 818  
(HQ 1627)
- Visitors' Information Centre Kuching 082-410 944 /  
450944
- AirAsia Office 082-283 222
- Sarawak Cultural Village 082-846 411
- Emergency (Ambulance/Police) 999
- Fire Department 994
- Kuching Specialist Hospital 082-365 777
- Sarawak General Hospital 082-257 555

